

### A3.7 CONTRIBUTION/INPUTS OF LUWEERO DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION INTO THE FISHERIES OF LAKE NABISOJJO

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#### BACK GROUND:

When Nakasongola was promoted to District status in 1997, the lake fishery of Lake Kioga was retained in the new District leaving Luweero entirely with no major Water Body apart from rivers and, Dams. There were even suggestion to close and transfer the entire Fisheries Staff to Nakasongola where major activities of fisheries were retained. But at realisation of another water body in the names of Nabisojjo - like, which could be developed, the District facilitated the Fisheries Department to explore the potential of the lake.

The District Fisheries Officer after the exercise assured the District Authorities that the waters were in fact a small lake not a river as many people had called it at first.

The District through it's Fisheries Department, drew a budget to develop, the lake by stocking it with good species of fish (Tilapia - *Oreochromis* from Lake Kioga as the one present at the time were stunted and were not growing to bigger size. The whole intention as to provide the people of Luweero especially after the loss of Lake Kioga to Nakasongola protein (fish), employment as well as to develop the whole area of Wakyato as the place is isolated and remote.

The budget which was approved was 4,893,000/=, These funds were used as follows:-

- i) Stocking the lake with 14,000 heads of fish.
- ii) Procurement of the boat for use on the lake, transport/fishing.
- iii) Procurement of a transportation unit, of fish from Lake Kioga to Lake Nabisojjo/in fish farming.
- iv) Procurement of life saving equipment (2 Life Jackets)
- v) Procurement of the motorcycle that was used to facilitate the stocking, exercise/fish farming activities in the District.
- vi) Strengthening the Fisheries Department on the side of manpower and extra Officer, Mr. Ekanya Geoffrey - AFO was recruited, with the sole objective of managing the lake after stocking it.
- vii) The District Administration with Wakyato sub-country Prisoners opened the only existing fish landing at the lake.

At the realisation of the slow progress/ growth of the stocked fish, after sampling, the District authorities instructed the District Fisheries Officer to contract relevant research institutions in fisheries sector to come and carry out an extensive research and give the district a way forward. So far Kajjansi Fisheries Research Institute, responded first, came and carried out a research on the lake, but they said they could not do much because they lacked many logistics, which the District could not provide. The preliminary result were not so alarming.

The District has an extensive programme of developing the lake, but its waiting for the results of the on going research programme on the lake at the present.